

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 5-13 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2 and 5-11 have been amended to improve clarity and grammar and to correct informalities. Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found, for example, in original claims 2-4 and at pg. 11, line 3 - pg. 13, line 31 of the specification. Support for the subject matter of claims 12 and 13 can be found, for example, in original claims 5 and 7, respectively. Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled. Thus, no new matter has been added.

I. Election of Species Requirement

In response to an October 17, 2007 Election of Species Requirement, Species A, to which claims 1-8, 10 and 11 are directed, was elected. Claims 1-8, 10 and 11 continue to read on the elected species. Further, claims 12 and 13 also read on the elected species. Claim 9 has been withdrawn from consideration. Rejoinder of claim 9 is respectfully requested upon the allowance of any of generic claims 1, 2, 5-8 and 10-13.

II. Objection to the Specification

The specification has been replaced with the attached substitute specification that was prepared in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Further, the substitute specification currently recites "the third cylinder 8" at paragraph [0040] responsive to the objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

III. 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

The Office Action rejects claims 1-8, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled thereby rendering the rejection with respect to these claims moot. The rejection with respect to the remaining pending claims is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to eliminate the recitation "of the double drawing device kind." Further, claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10 and 11 have been amended to remove allegedly indefinite

claim language (e.g. "such as," "in particular," "for example," "preferably"). Further, claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10 and 11 have been amended responsive to any additional aspect of the rejection.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2 and 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over GB 1,105,029 (hereinafter "the '029 Patent") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,372,172 (hereinafter "Sudduth"); rejects claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over the '029 Patent in view of Sudduth, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,408,974 (hereinafter "Comerio"); rejects claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over the '029 Patent in view of Sudduth, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,619,460 (hereinafter "Chill"); and rejects claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over the '029 Patent in view of Sudduth, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,683,093 (hereinafter "Hagiwara").

Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled rendering the rejections with respect to these claims moot. The rejections with respect to the remaining claims are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate features similar to the allowable features recited by claim 4 as well as intervening claims 2 and 3. Specifically, claim 1 recites "**a first press element, a second press element, and a third press element corresponding to the second drawing cylinder, the third drawing cylinder, and the fourth drawing cylinder, respectively**"; ... a mobile coupling on which the third drawing cylinder is mounted and that supports the third press cylinder, and a motorized means for causing the mobile coupling to pivot about an axis connected to the frame of the drawing device so as to adjust a position of the third axle and thereby regulate a drawing distance in the first drawing stage formed between the second drawing cylinder and the third drawing cylinder, **wherein the third press element accompanies the third drawing cylinder as the position of the third axle is**

adjusted and the drawing distance in the first drawing stage is regulated," (emphasis added). The Office Action identifies these features as allowable in "the statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter" on pg. 10.

Therefore, independent claim 1 is patentable over the applied references. Dependent claims 2 and 5-11 are also patentable for at least their dependency, direct or indirect, from claim 1 as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

V. Claims 12 and 13 Define Patentable Subject Matter

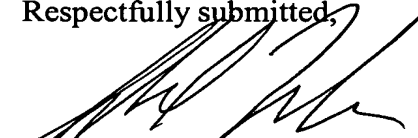
Applicant respectfully submits that claims 12 and 13 are patentable for at least their dependency from claim 1 as well as for the additional features they recite.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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